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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

- 1-54. (Canceled).
- 55. (Previously presented) A method for determining whether a gene contributes to Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), comprising:
 - (a) identifying a group of subjects with ADHD;
 - (b) selecting a group of candidate genes;
 - (c) identifying a polymorphism associated with each candidate gene;
 - (d) creating a scale corresponding to severity of ADHD in each subject;
- (e) assigning a gene score to each candidate gene according to relative effect of the subject's candidate gene genotype to phenotype;
- (f) determining additive variance (r²) of said candidate genes using multivariate regression analysis and backward elimination of nonsignificant candidate genes; and
- (g) calculating statistical significance of each candidate gene, wherein statistical significance indicates that said gene contributes to ADHD.
- 56. (Previously presented) The method of claim 55, wherein said group of candidate genes comprises norepinephrine genes.
- 57. (Previously presented) The method of claim 55, wherein said group of candidate genes comprises neurotransmitter genes.

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58. (Previously presented) The method of claim 55, wherein said group of candidate genes

comprises opioid genes.

59. (Previously presented) The method of claim 55, wherein said group of candidate genes

comprises serotonin genes.

60-63. (Canceled).

64. (Currently amended) A method for determining whether a subject is at risk for ADHD

comprising determining if said subject comprises one or more a non-wild type alleles of a at least

one gene determined predetermined by the method of claim 55 to contribute to ADHD, wherein the

presence of a non-wild type allele of at least one of said genes indicates that the subject is at risk for

ADHD.

65. (Previously presented) The method of claim 64, wherein said non-wild type allele is selected

from the group consisting of TPH SNP A 779C, ADRA2A SNP promoter region MspI, ADRA2C

dinucleotide repeat, PNMT SNP G-148A, NET SNP A1970G MnlI, COMT SNP val 158 met

G1947A NlaIII, CHRNA4, ADOA2A SNP C108T Rsal, NOS3, and NAT1 T1088A.

66. (Previously presented) The method of claim 65, wherein an increase in the number of said

non-wild type alleles indicates an increased risk of ADHD.

67. (Previously presented) The method of claim 66, wherein an increase in the number of said

non-wild type alleles indicates an increase in the severity of ADHD.

68. (New) A method for determining whether a subject is at risk for Attention Deficit

Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), comprising:

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determining for each of genes TPH, PNMT, ADOA2A, NOS3, and NAT1, whether the subject comprises a wild-type or non-wild type allele of said gene, wherein the presence of a non-wild type allele of at least one of said genes indicates that the subject is at risk for ADHD.

- 69. (New) The method of claim 68, wherein said at least one non-wild type allele is selected from the group consisting of *TPH* SNP A 779C, *PNMT* SNP G-148A, *ADOA2A* SNP C108T *Rsa*l, and *NAT1* T1088A.
- 70. (New) The method of claim 69, wherein an increase in the number of said non-wild type alleles indicates an increased risk of ADHD.
- 71. (New) The method of claim 69, wherein an increase in the number of said non-wild type alleles indicates an increase in the severity of ADHD.
- 72. (New) A kit suitable for screening a subject to determine whether the subject is at risk for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), comprising:
- a) material for determining the subject's genotype with respect to each of genes TPH, PNMT, ADOA2A, NOS3, and NAT1;
 - b) suitable packaging material; and optionally,
 - c) instructional material for use of said kit.
- 73. (New) A kit suitable for screening a subject to determine whether the subject is at risk for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), comprising:
- a) material for determining whether the subject comprises each of non-wild type alleles *TPH* SNP A 779C, *PNMT* SNP G-148A, *ADOA2A* SNP C108T *Rsa*l, and *NAT1* T1088A;
 - b) suitable packaging material; and optionally,
 - c) instructional material for use of said kit.